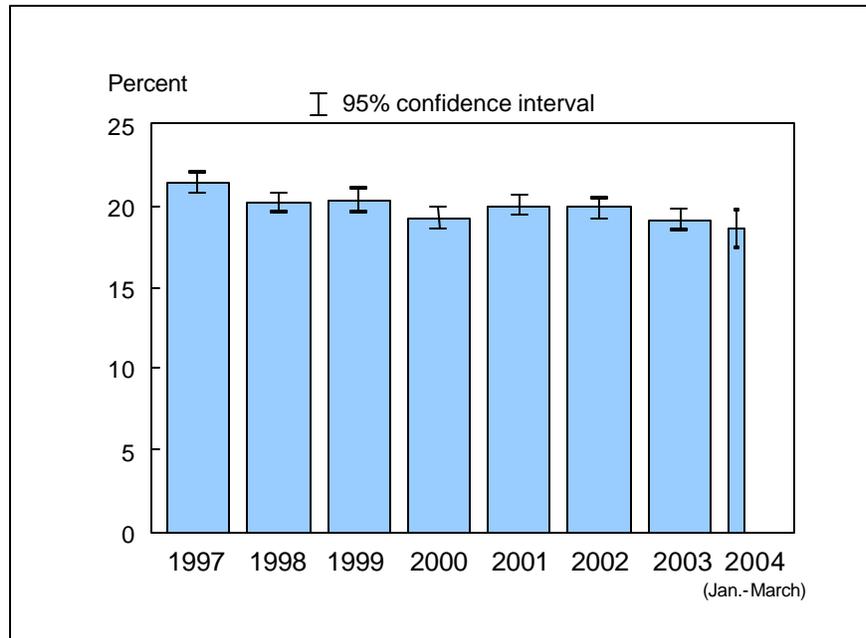


**Figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004**

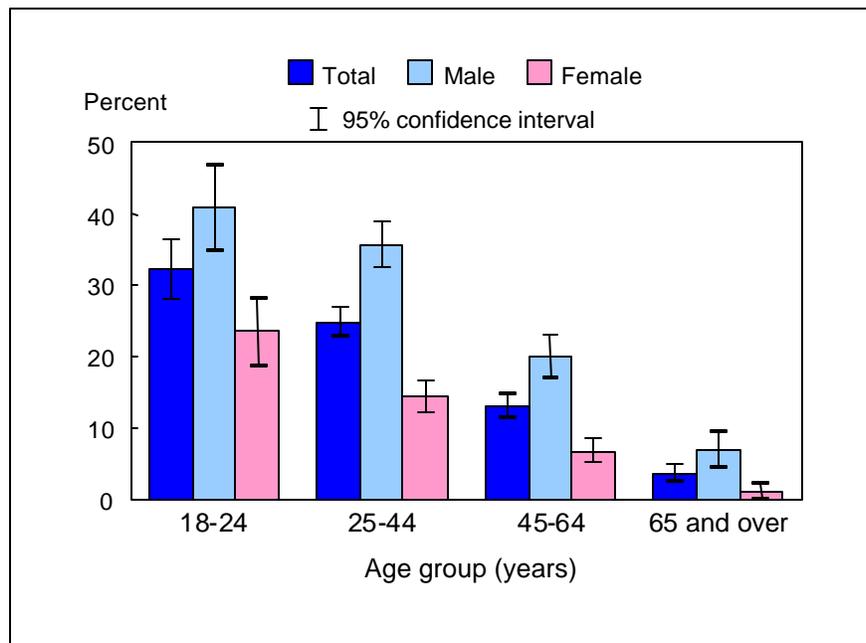


NOTES: The analyses excluded adults with unknown alcohol consumption (about 2% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See "About This Release" and appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2004 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2004 was based on data collected from January through March.

- In early 2004, the percent of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 18.6% (95% CI=17.4%- 19.7%).
- From 2001 through early 2004, the percent of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year decreased from 20.0% to 18.6%.

**Figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2004**

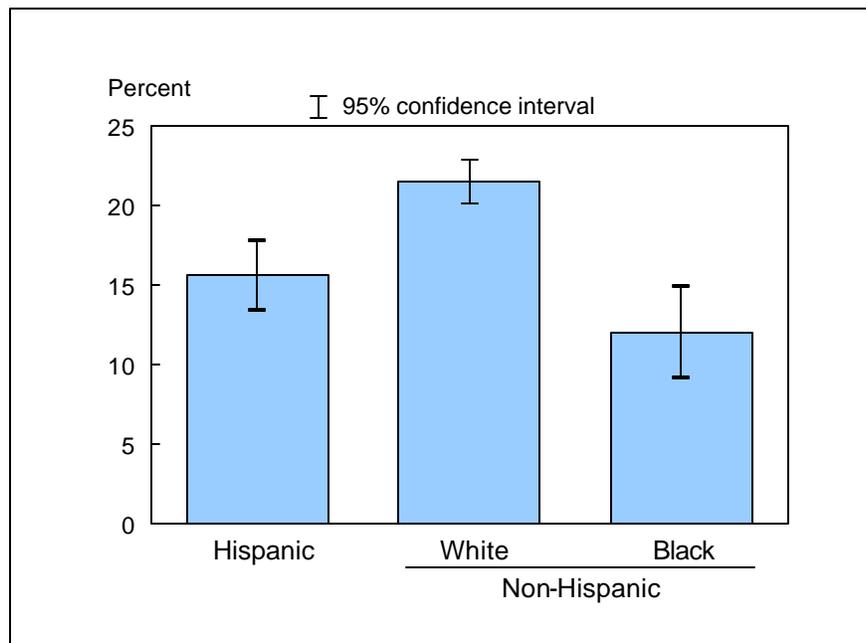


NOTE: The analyses excluded 189 adults (2.6%) with unknown alcohol consumption.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both men and women, younger adults were more likely than older adults to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.
- In all four age groups, men were considerably more likely than women to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year.

**Figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2004**



NOTES: The analyses excluded 189 adults (2.6%) with unknown alcohol consumption. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted percent of adults who had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year was 15.6% for Hispanic adults, 21.5% for non-Hispanic white adults, and 12.0% for non-Hispanic black adults.
- Non-Hispanic white adults were most likely to have had five or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, followed by Hispanic adults and non-Hispanic black adults.

## Data tables for figures 9.1-9.3:

**Data table for figure 9.1. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year: United States, 1997-2004**

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	21.4	20.8-22.0
1998	20.2	19.6-20.8
1999	20.3	19.6-21.0
2000	19.2	18.6-19.9
2001	20.0	19.4-20.6
2002	19.9	19.2-20.5
2003	19.1	18.5-19.8
January-March 2004	18.6	17.4-19.7

**Data table for figure 9.2. Percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2004**

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
<b>18-24 years</b>		
Total	32.2	28.1-36.3
Men	40.8	34.8-46.8
Women	23.6	18.8-28.3
<b>25-44 years</b>		
Total	24.8	22.8-26.8
Men	35.6	32.5-38.8
Women	14.5	12.3-16.7
<b>45-64 years</b>		
Total	13.2	11.5-14.9
Men	20.0	17.1-23.0
Women	6.8	5.2-8.5
<b>65 years and over</b>		
Total	3.7	2.6-4.9
Men	7.0	4.6-9.5
Women	-	-
<b>18 years and over: Crude<sup>1</sup></b>		
Total	18.6	17.4-19.7
Men	27.1	25.2-29.0
Women	10.8	9.6-12.0
<b>18 years and over: Age-adjusted<sup>2</sup></b>		
Total	18.7	17.6-19.8
Men	26.8	24.9-28.6
Women	11.1	9.9-12.3

-The relative standard error for this estimate exceeds 30% and is therefore not displayed.

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

**Data table for figure 9.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of adults aged 18 years and over who had 5 or more drinks in 1 day at least once in the past year, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2004**

<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>95% confidence interval</b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	15.6	13.4-17.8
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>		
<b>White, single race</b>	21.5	20.1-22.9
<b>Black, single race</b>	12.0	9.1-14.9

<sup>1</sup>Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using four age groups: 18-24 years, 25-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.